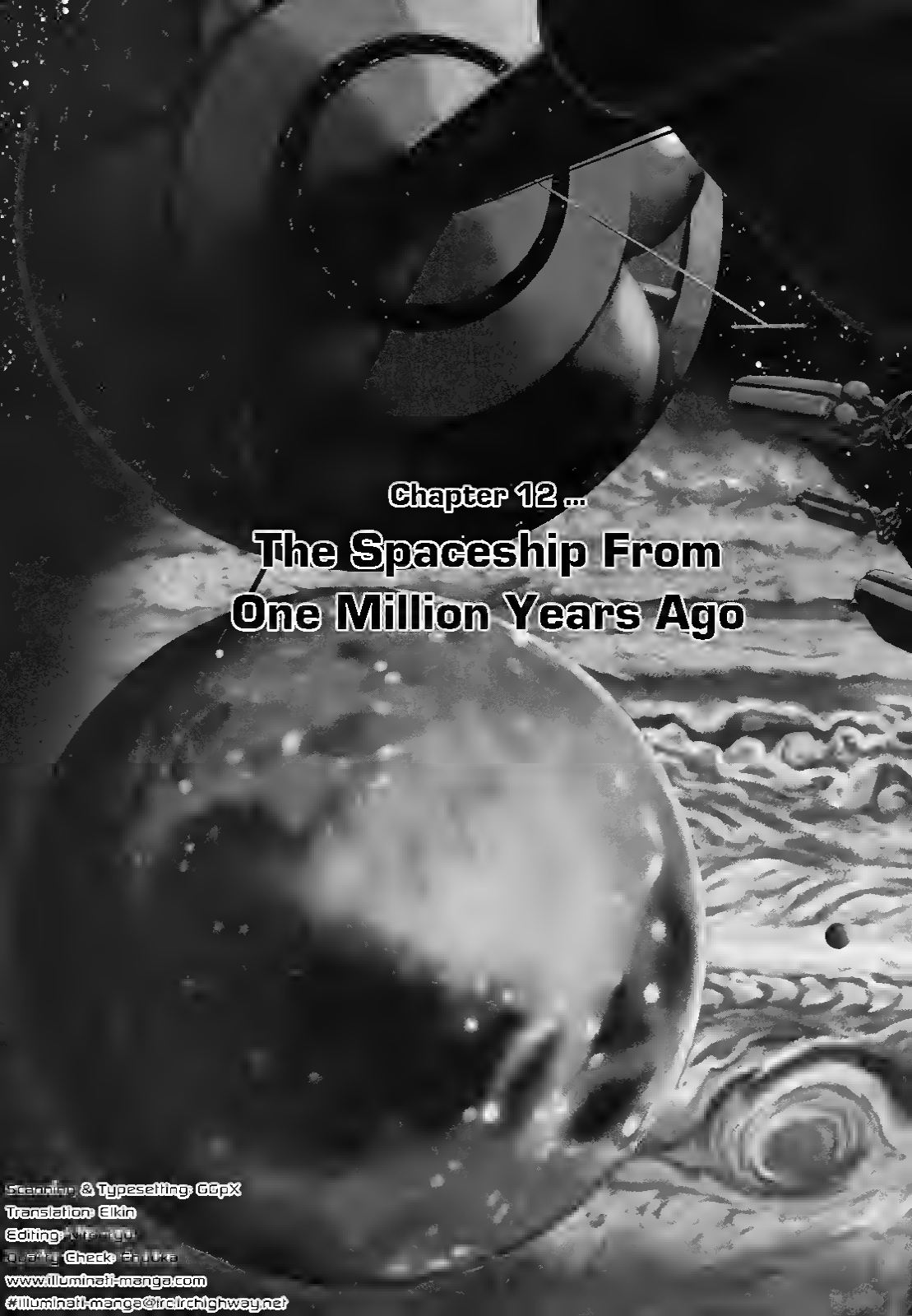

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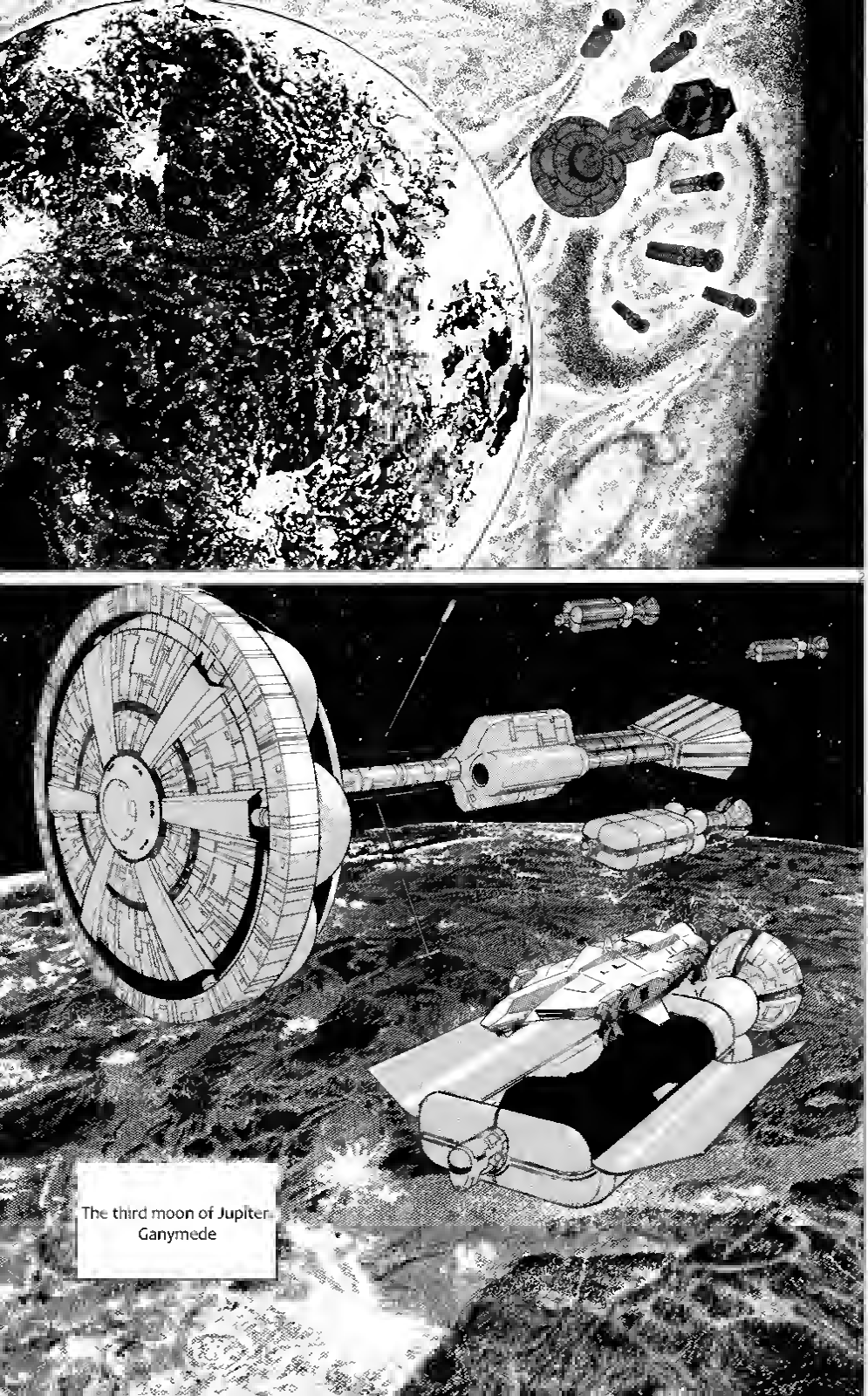
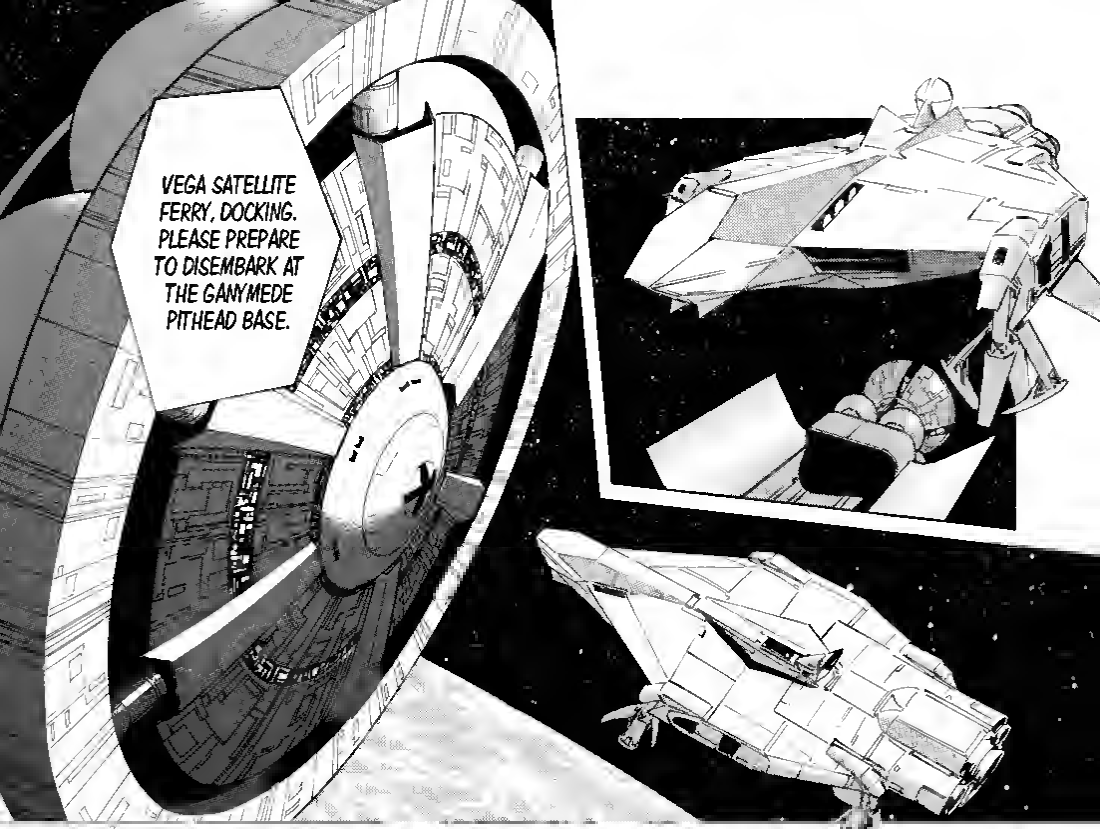
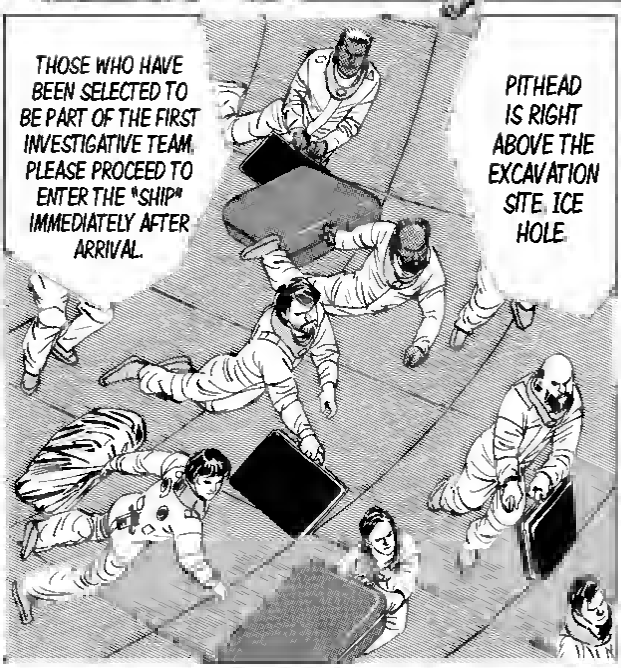

The third moon of Jupiter.
Ganymede


VEGA SATELLITE FERRY, DOCKING. PLEASE PREPARE TO DISEMBARK AT THE GANYMEDE PITHEAD BASE.


THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO BE PART OF THE FIRST INVESTIGATIVE TEAM. PLEASE PROCEED TO ENTER THE "SHIP" IMMEDIATELY AFTER ARRIVAL.
PITHEAD IS RIGHT ABOVE THE EXCAVATION SITE. ICE HOLE.

AND AS EXPECTED, HE WAS VERY SURPRISED BY YOU, DOCTOR HUNT.
I'VE INFORMED DIRECTOR CALDWELL ABOUT THE JUPITER 5 THEORY USING ENCRYPTED COMMS.
DOCTOR HUNT, THERE IS SIMPLY NO WAY FOR ME TO ACCEPT THAT HYPOTHESIS.
EVEN ON EARTH, THEY'RE INVESTIGATING YOUR HYPOTHESIS THAT EARTH HAD NO MOON UNTIL 50,000 YEARS AGO.
SUDDENLY ADDING WEIGHT TO AN EARTH THAT IS ROTATING AT HIGH SPEEDS IS LIKE PUTTING ON EMERGENCY BRAKES. IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT OR LIVING ORGANISMS TO COME OUT OF IT UNSCATHED.
THIS IS HOW I SEE IT— EVEN IF I AGREED WITH A SCENARIO THAT THE MOON HAD SOMEHOW FLOWN IN FROM GOD KNOWS WHERE, IT'S A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT MATTER FOR EARTH TO BE ABLE TO CATCH IT INTO ITS ORBIT SO PERFECTLY

ANYWAY, DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD BE CHECKING OUT THAT SPACESHIP FROM A MILLION YEARS AGO? I'M GETTING EXCITED JUST THINKING ABOUT WHAT WE'LL SEE.

I KNOW, I KNOW.
I'VE SAID IT MANY TIMES BEFORE, WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF TIME FOR THEORIES AND DISCUSSIONS. WE WERE JUST MAKING FULL USE OF THAT TIME.

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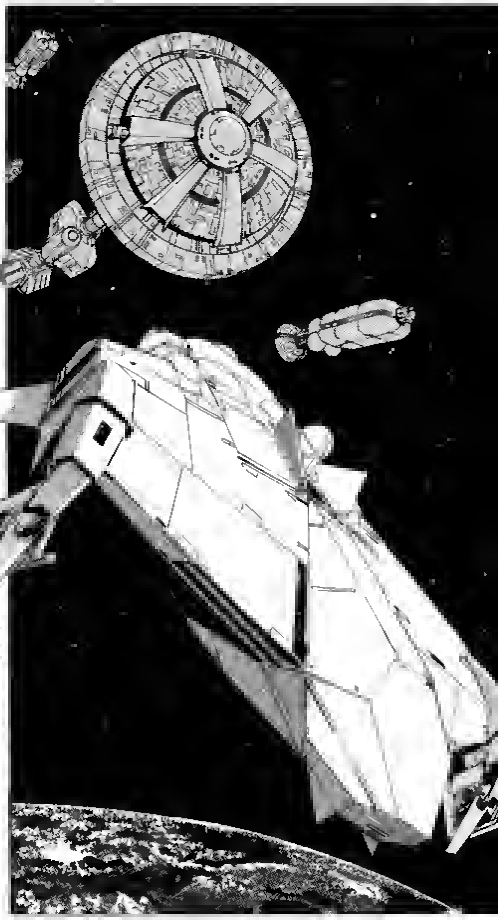
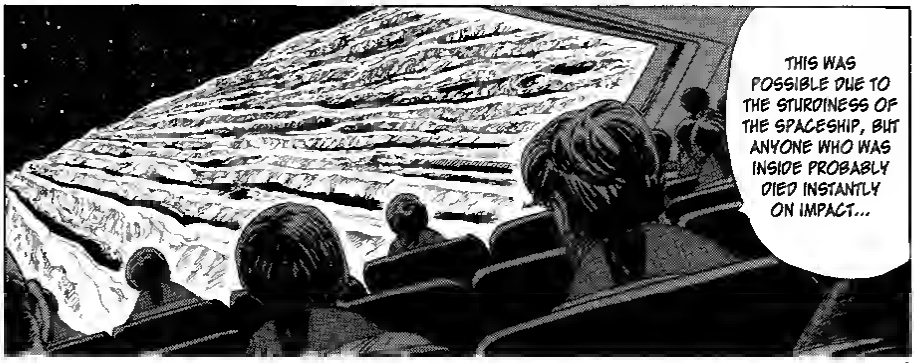
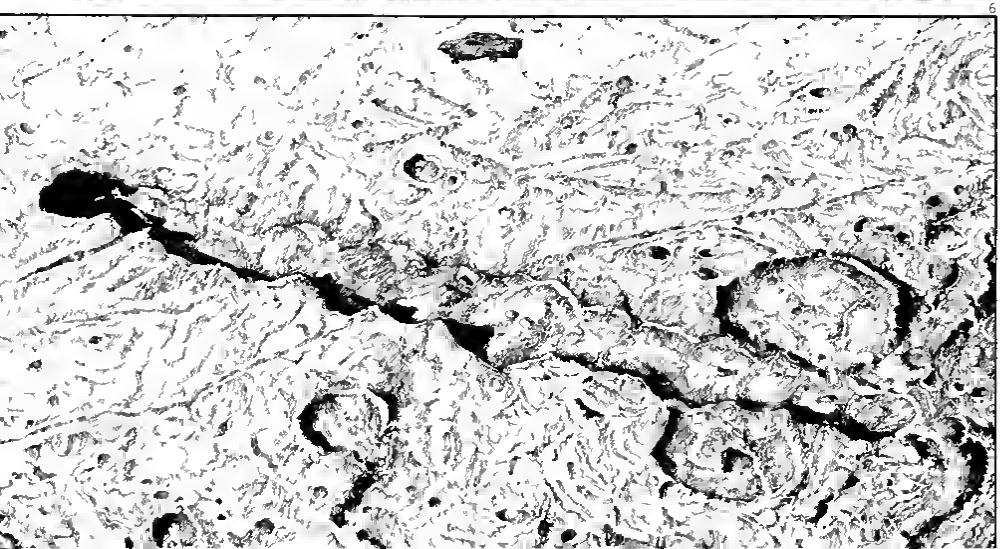
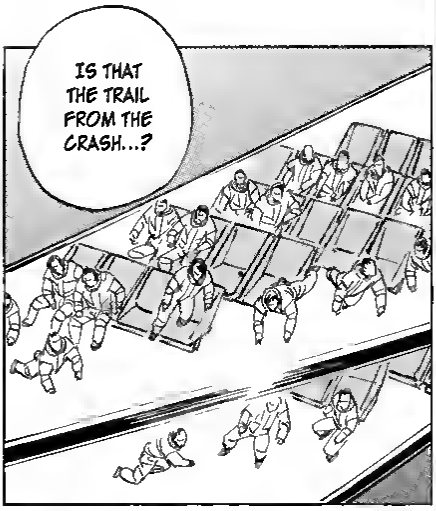
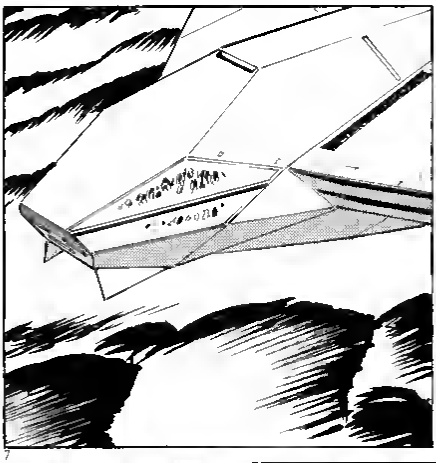


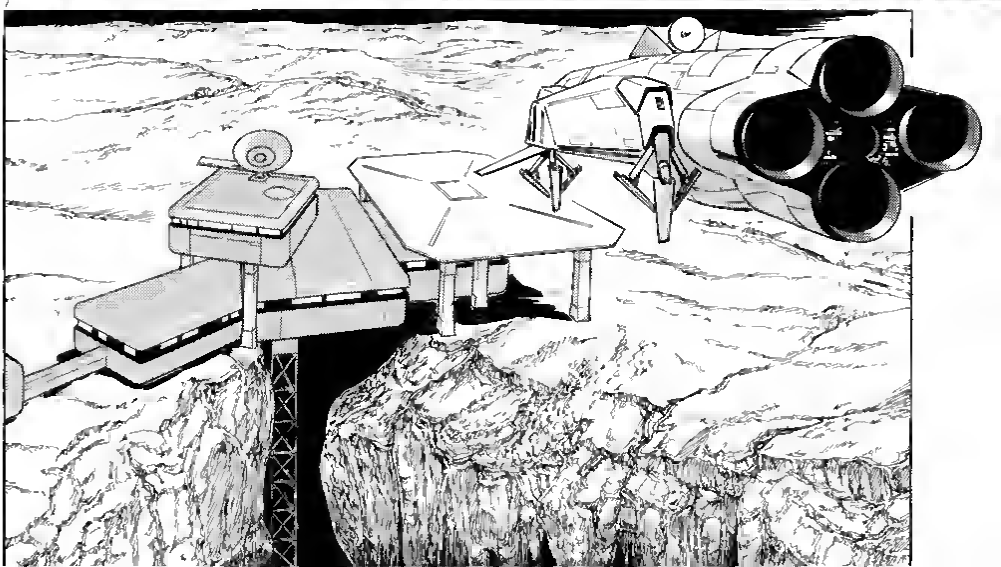
GANYMEDE IS THE LARGEST SATELLITE IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM. ITS SURFACE IS FROZEN SOLID AND WAS PROBABLY THE CASE EVEN A MILLION YEARS AGO. SO BACK THEN THE SPACESHIP MUST HAVE PENETRATED THE ICE LAYER AND GOT BURIED IN THE DEPTHS

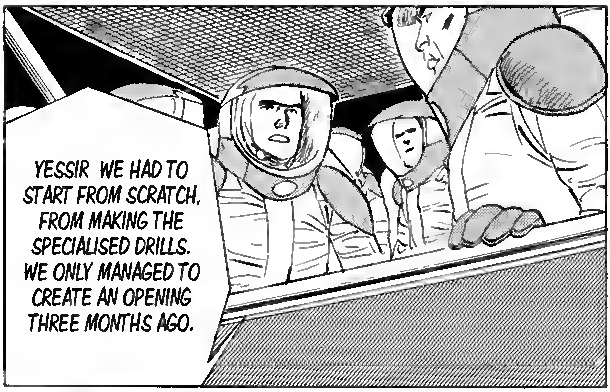

THIS WAS POSSIBLE DUE TO THE STURDINESS OF THE SPACESHIP, BUT ANYONE WHO WAS INSIDE PROBABLY DIED INSTANTLY ON IMPACT...

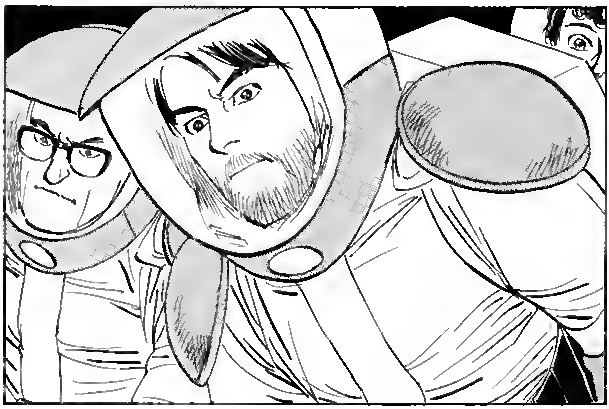


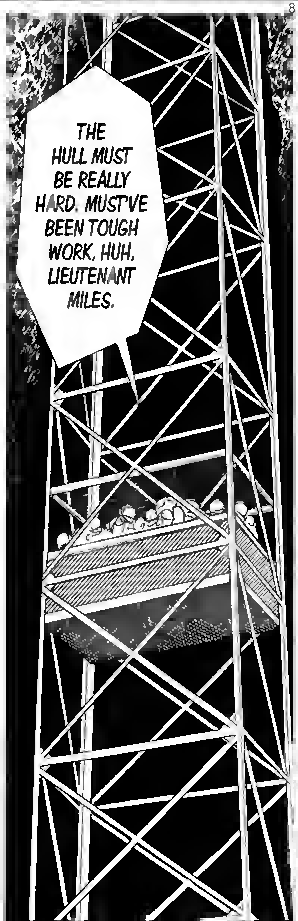

IS THAT THE TRAIL FROM THE CRASH...?

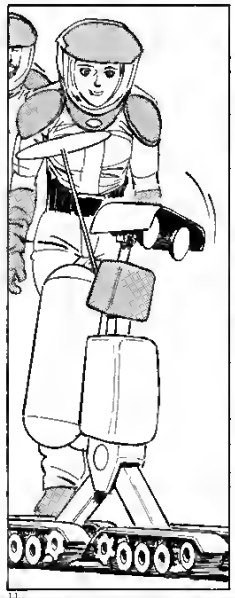




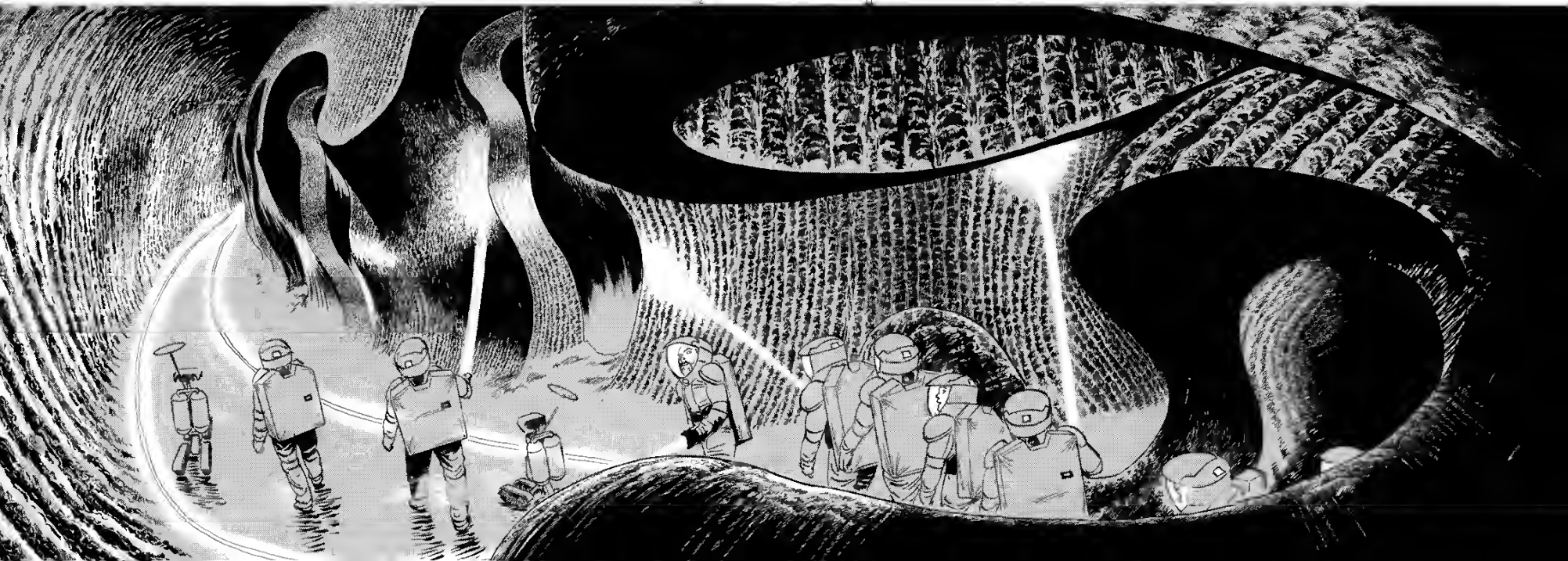

YESSIR. WE HAD TO START FROM SCRATCH, FROM MAKING THE SPECIALISED DRILLS. WE ONLY MANAGED TO CREATE AN OPENING THREE MONTHS AGO.

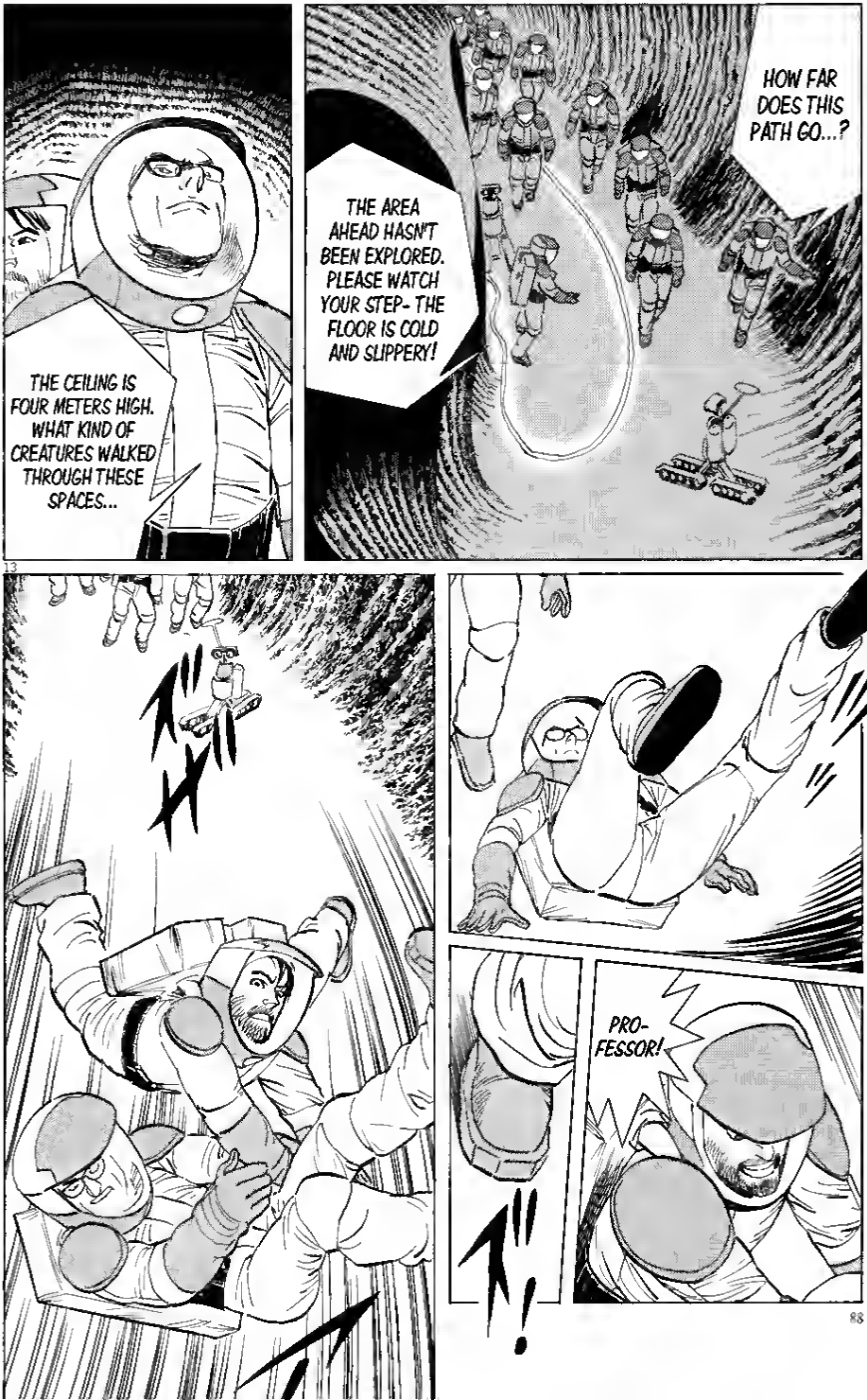


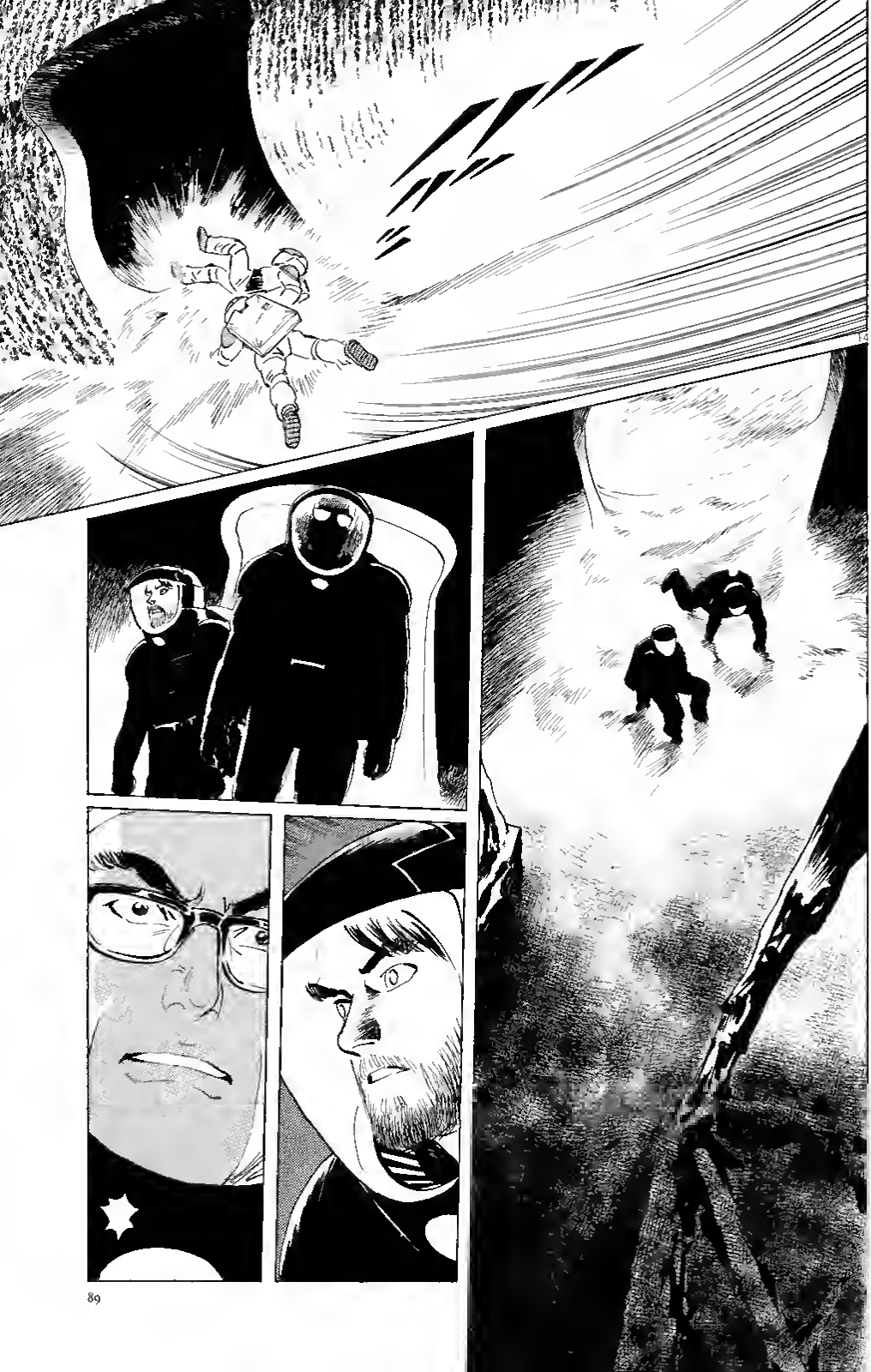

THE HULL MUST BE REALLY HARD. MUST'VE BEEN TOUGH WORK, HUH, LIEUTENANT MILES.

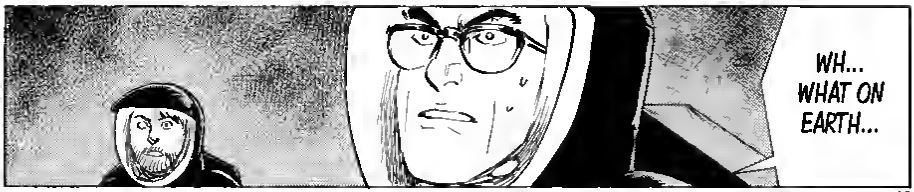


BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU'RE IN PLACES WITH NO ARC LAMPS - THEY'RE PITCH BLACK, SO PLEASE LET THE ROBOTS LEAD THE WAY AND ONLY FOLLOW AFTER THEM.
IT'S HUGE INSIDE. WE SENT IN SOME ROBOTIC SCOUTS YESTERDAY BUT THEY DIDN'T GET TOO FAR, SO WE HAVEN'T DISCOVERED ANYTHING SPECIAL YET.




THE CEILING IS FOUR METERS HIGH. WHAT KIND OF CREATURES WALKED THROUGH THESE SPACES...
THE AREA AHEAD HASN'T BEEN EXPLORED. PLEASE WATCH YOUR STEP- THE FLOOR IS COLD AND SLIPPERY!
HOW FAR DOES THIS PATH GO...?
PRO-FESSOR!

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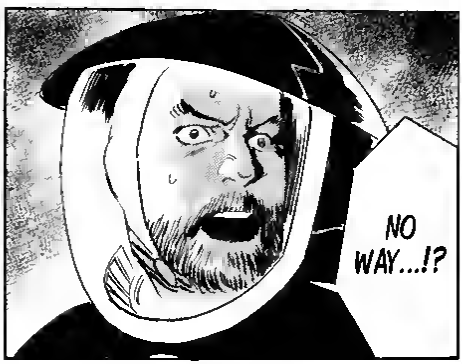
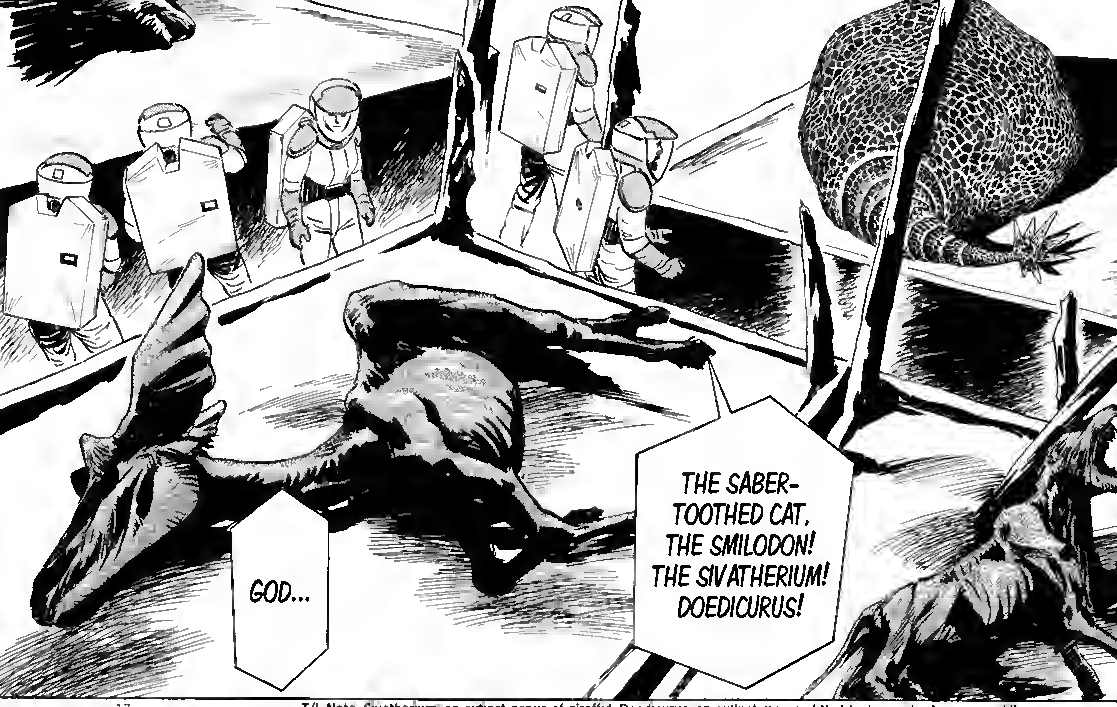

NO WAY...!?

D... DOC-TOR HUNT. PROFESSOR DANCHEKKA ...!?



17 T/L Note: Sivatherium: an extinct genus of giraffid. Doedicurus: an extinct mammal that looks similar to an armadillo

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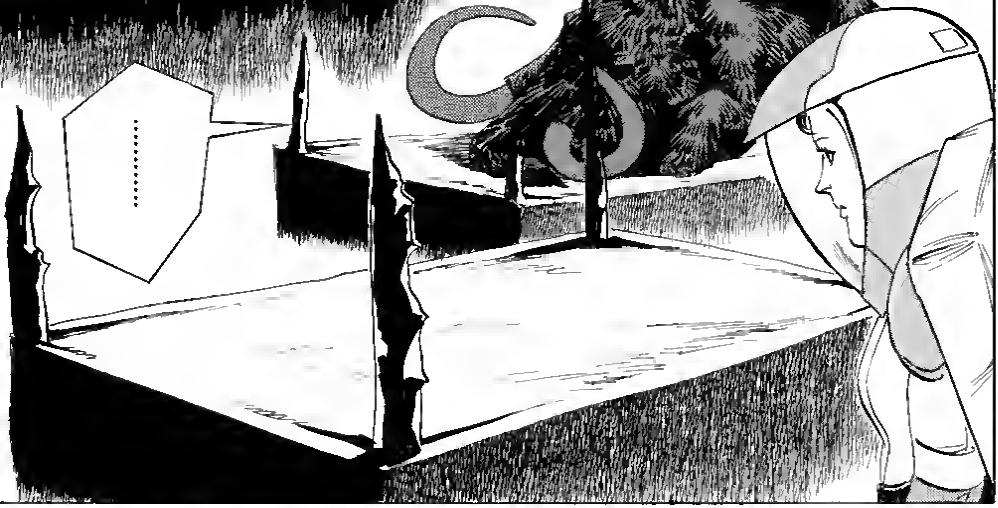
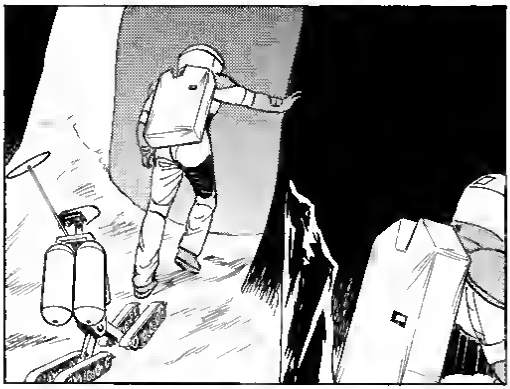
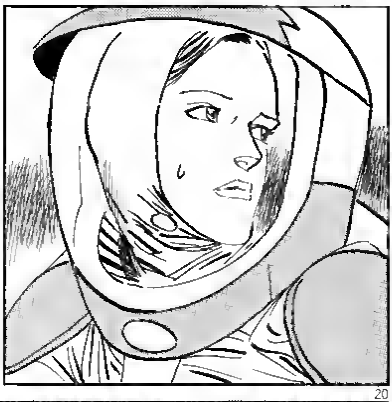
SO YOU'RE SAYING— LIVING EARTH NIMALS WERE TRANSPORTED ABOARD THIS SHIP...!?
THEY WERE PROBABLY STILL ALIVE AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH A MILLION YEARS AGO...!
DON'T TOUCH THEM, THEY'LL COLLAPSE! THEY'RE NOT FOSSILS BUT REMAINS THAT WERE MUM-MIFIED FROM THE COLD.

—PROFESSOR DANCHEKKA, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM.
RIGHT NOW, HE'S LOOKING AT EVERY-THING HE'S EVER WANTED TO SEE IN HIS LIFETIME AS A PALEONTOLOGIST, LAID OUT RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIM.
I KNOW HOW IT FEELS...







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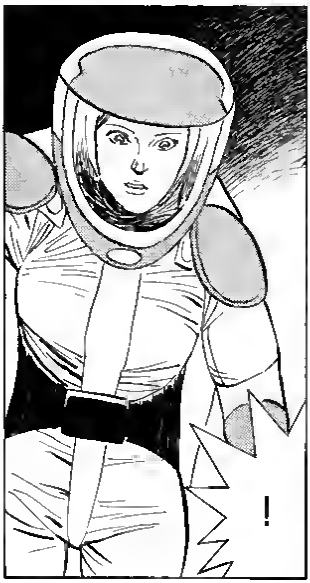

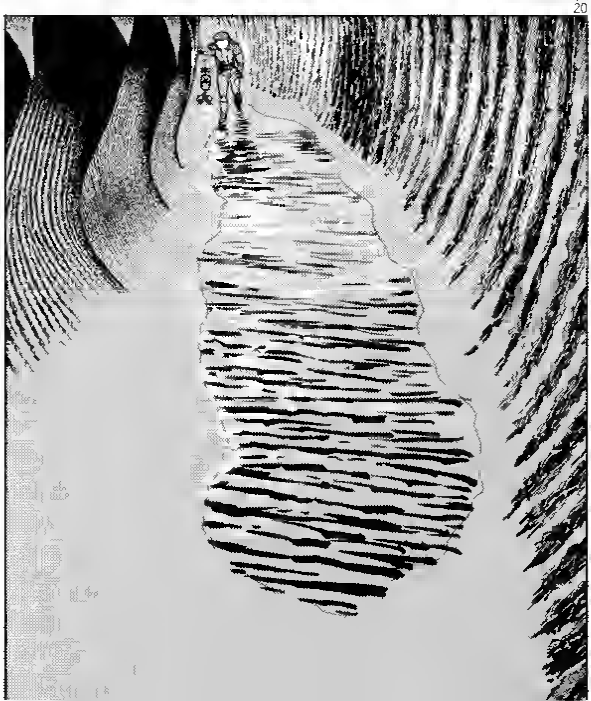

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H... HOMO ERECTUS!?
A HOMO ERECTUS...!!
DOCTOR EMETT...
ONE OF HUMANITY'S ANCESTORS FROM A MILLION YEARS AGO...
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WAS IT TAKEN ALONG WITH THE OTHER ANIMALS ..? WHY'S IT LYING HERE IN THE PASSAGEWAY RATHER THAN IN THE BREEDING ROOM—?

WHAT'S AT THE END OF THE PASSAGE WAY...?